IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: K. Poon
TAKAFUMI FUJIWARA ET AL.)	
	:	Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/050,781)	
	:	Conf. No.: 9574
Filed: January 18, 2002)	
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For: IMAGE INPUT/OUTPUT CONTROL)	
APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING	:	
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METHOD, DATA COMMUNICATION	:	
APPARATUS, AND DATA)	
COMMUNICATION METHOD	:	April 18, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued

Examination being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows.

The amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing beginning on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 8.